



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

December 15, 2004

In re application of : Wilkinson, Arland Gray Jr.  
Serial No. : 10/734,347  
Filed : December 12, 2003  
Title : **BARBECUE COOKING UTENSIL**  
Examiner : Watts, Douglas D.  
Art Unit : 3724  
Attorney Docket No. : 4876.001

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to Office Action dated September 20, 2004, please amend this application to place it in condition for allowance as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly cancel Claims 2, 3 and 4 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1 and 10 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A barbeque fork for holding and removing food items, said fork comprising:

a handle;

a tine head on a first end of said handle, said tine head having at least one tine;

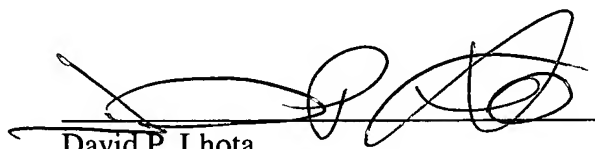
a rod slidably supported on said handle, said rod comprising means for engaging food



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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the following correspondence: ***AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 09/20/2004; RETURN POSTCARD FOR CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT; and this CERTIFICATE OF MAILING*** are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 15 day of December, 2004. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

  
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